

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of July 21, 2011**

The July meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Maury Commons. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Tim Duffy, George Foster, Brian Baker, Ken Kroko, Gary Olsen, Malvina Kay, and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioner Paolucci. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.

I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of June 16, 2011 were unanimously approved.

II. **Public Comment:** None.

III. **Communications from the Director:** The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:

Financial Report – June 2011
Sports Report – June/July 2011
Leisure Report – July/August 2011
Follow-Up Report – July 2011
Ltr. From Roberta Gold to Director
Dixon Pool Article

IV. **Noteworthy Dates:** The Commissioners reviewed upcoming programs and trips.

V. **Old Business:**

A. **Pathways** – Dr. Antozzi reported that we are waiting for the final approval letter from VDOT on the Heritage Trail. Once we receive the approval, the RFP will go out. The VCR plans are completed and we are starting to communicate with the Department of Natural Resources about the natural resources and historical aspects involved in approving the VCR trail. Dr. Antozzi reported that by the next meeting we would probably have the Cowan Blvd. trail extension completed.

- B. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation (CRSF) is beginning to stray away from the original contract. Dr. Antozzi stated that he had called Chuck Brady to request a meeting to discuss the project. One issue that needs clarification involves the surface of the third field, Ponce De Leon. If it is not EVER going to be synthetic, then irrigation and topsoil need to go down now. If CRSF plans to raise the balance of the funds needed to make the field synthetic within three to five years, then they should not waste the cost associated with topsoil and irrigation. Clarification continues to be pursued. Staff meets with the CRSF on site weekly.
- C. Riverfront Park** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the concrete has been poured for the benches and trashcans. We are waiting for the concrete to cure. The City Manager has requested that Dr. Antozzi move forward and begin the process of developing Phase II with the Riverfront Task Force Committee.
- D. Powhatan Park** – Dr. Antozzi stated that the split rail fence with black chain link attached to it has been installed. Commissioner Koko stated that he is pleased with the combination of the two fences. It does provide a good barrier from Cowan Boulevard and Powhatan Street.

VI. New Business:

- A. Recording Devices/Recreation Meetings** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the City Attorney developed a policy for City Boards and Commissions in regards to a person photographing, filming, recording, or otherwise reproducing any portion of a meeting that is required to be open.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Kroko, to adopt the policy as written by the City Attorney.

The policy was adopted with the Commissioners voting:

Commissioner Foster/yes
Commissioner Tyler/yes
Commissioner Kay/yes
Commissioner Kroko/yes
Commissioner Baker/no
Commissioner Olsen/yes
Commissioner Duffy/yes

B. FASA Request - Michael Ward submitted a request to the Recreation Commission from the Fredericksburg Area Soccer Association (FASA) to use four fields at Dixon Park to host their home games for the Virginia Club Champion League (VCCL) games.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Foster and unanimously approved to honor the FASA request for the use of the Dixon Park fields for their Virginia Club Champion League games.

The Commissioners requested that they revisit the fees structure for field rentals at the next meeting.

C. Baseball Season Schedule – Dr. Antozzi referenced an email sent to the Commissioners in regards to changing the baseball schedule.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Baker and unanimously approved to move the baseball season to early April through mid June.

Commission Concerns and Topics:

Commissioner Tyler complimented the children actually playing baseball at Snowden.

Commissioner Kroko welcomed Malvina Kay to the Commission. He then asked about the August meeting. Traditionally, we have canceled the August meeting due to vacations. It was agreed to cancel the August 18, 2011 Recreation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Olsen asked about the tennis court lights burning out. We are currently checking the lights and the wiring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


Dr. Robert Antozzi, Director


Date

Next Meeting September 15, 2011 at Maury Commons, Suite 111.